

ABOUT CHRISTMAS BOXES

Vuyyuru, Kistna Dist.,
India, Jan. 15th, 1927.

Dear Link Readers—This note should have been sent to you long ago as the Christmas boxes came in plenty of time for the season's festivities. Will all the dear friends who so very kindly brought cheer and goodwill to our boarding girls and boys accept our heartiest "Thank-yous" for all the good things packed in those boxes. I was very grateful to have more things for boys this year. Before the children left school in December I was able to give them each a gift which made their faces light up with joy and happiness. They send their loving "salaams" to the friends who went to so much trouble in order that they may have a treat for the most joyful season of the year. They would say in Telugu "lekalayne vundunamalu" which means "countless thanks."

I hope to write to those whose names were attached to the parcels but in case you do not receive a line of appreciation please remember that my thanks are none the less sincere. It means a lot of work for you all, but the task is made easier when you know you give so much help and blessing to the children of India.

The boys and girls of the boarding school are returning by degrees for another term. We are hoping for good times. I have been busy the last three days collecting fees, and still there are more to come.

The boys are helping in our building operations and are showing a most willing spirit in all their work. We hope to have the girls' compound and new class rooms complete by the end of the hot season.

Many many thanks once again for all the useful articles you sent your Telugu brothers and sisters.

Yours in His service,
Rose Gordon.

CHRISTMAS AT RAMACHANDRA- PURAM

Ramrachandrapuram, Godavari Dist.,
31st Dec., 1926.

Dear Friends in Canada,—I wish to write

and let you know how glad we Indian women and our children were to receive your good gifts for Christmas through the missionaries. We write to thank you for them all and for the love behind. They must have taken a lot of your time.

Christmas festivities began for us here about the 11th inst. That day the teachers and their wives and others besides, who were not receiving mission money, were given a feast at "Woodside". There were nearly 50 people there. We had games before dinner and prayer afterwards followed by presents of clothing, dolls, picture cards, bags, etc., from the three local missionaries.

Then came Christmas for Bible Women and teachers on the 22nd. Miss Myers came here at noon. The women from this field gave her a hearty welcome and presented her with addresses and garlands. She was glad to be here for a few days and feels this is her Indian home. After a short prayer meeting Miss Myers gave away heaps of presents prepared by Misses Hatch, and Jones. All the workers had a scarf each, bright coloured, rich looking as well as pure white ones, besides jacket-cloths, silk bags, handkerchiefs, picture cards, etc., from the Canadian Christmas boxes. At the end sweets were served around.

Next came the entertainment given by the I. C. E. on Christmas eve. The little ones from 5 to 12 years old took part. They had three different kinds of dialogues, after showing us how they conduct the usual meetings and after giving their annual reports. The lessons brought home were on "Temperance" the joys, the bright fellowship and the radiant hope before drinking came to darken the lives, the repentance and the angel restoring the former joys. They sang songs teaching these morals. Each child had a crown on her head, a candle in her hand and white garment and a band with words such as love, joy, peace, temperance, etc. It made us all glad to see the little ones doing such a lot. Another item on the programme was to show that the poor humble needy ones we help may become angels come to bless us. An old woman was taken in a cold, cold night and made warm. At the end she blesses